3. Miss Krishna Sobti, eminent Hindi writer;

4. Prof. U.R.Ananthamurthy, eminent Kannada writer; and

5. Shri Ashok Vajpeyi, former Vice-Chancellor, Mahatma Gandhi International Hindi University.

The Committee submitted its report on 20.10.2006. After considering the report of the Committee, the following action has been taken:

(i) In the book Antara-I, the story 'Apni Khabar' by Pandeya Bechan Sharma Ugra has been replaced by story 'Uski Maa' written by the same author. Similarly in the same book the poem 'Mochiram' by Dhoomil has been replaced by poem 'Ghar Main Wapsi' by the same author.

(ii) In the book Aaroh-I the story 'Doodh ka Daam' by Premchand has been replaced by the story 'Namak ka Daroga' by the same author.

(iii) In the book Aaroh-I, introduction to the poem by Paash has been modified.

(d) and (a) One of the members, Miss Krishna Sobti's the author of the story 'Mian Nasruddin' which is included in the book Aaroh-I. There was no objection to this story from anyone.

Assessment of academic institutes

1372. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to make it mandatory the assessment of teachers, students, infrastructure and academic environment in all colleges, universities and institutions of higher learning;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are considering to bring in a legislation in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (d) The existing

framework of assessment and accreditation by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) is presently under review of the University Grants Commission and the Government of India.

Functioning for Sanskrit Vidyapeeth/Mahavidyalaya

1373. SHRI BASHISTHA NARAIN SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the guidelines fixed for recruitments/pensionary benefit to teaching/ non teaching staff working in Sanskrit Vidyapeeth/Sanskrit Mahavidyalaya;

(b) whether it is a fact that due representation has not been given to the category of SCs/STs/OBCs in these institutions;

(c) if so, the names of those institutions and by when the backlog will be cleared; and

(d) whether Government would formulate a transparent policy for the smooth functioning of these institutions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) The criteria laid down by the University Grants Commission (UGC) are followed for recruitment to the teaching posts in the Rasthriya Sanskrit Sansthan, New Delhi and its Vidyapeethas (Campuses). The Sansthan has framed its own Rules for recruitment to the non-teaching posts. The Pension Rules laid down by the Government for its employees are followed by the Sansthan for the employees of the Sansthan and its Vidyapeethas.

Recruitments in Adarsh Sanskrit Mahavidyalayas (ASM) are made by their Managing Committees on the basis of the guidelines issued by the UGC from time to time in respect of the teaching staff and rules applicable to the Sansthan and its Vidyapeethas for non-teaching staff. There is no provision for pension in the ASMs.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. Due representation is given to the SCs/STs/OBCs, wherever applicable. Four teaching positions identified as SC/ST backlog vacancies could not be filled so far due to non-availability of suitable candidates.

(d) The Sansthan is an autonomous organization, whose functioning is reviewed periodically. The ASMs are recognized under a Scheme for